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TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

JEFFERSON, NH

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

2002
OLDEST CITIZENS OF JEFFERSON

February 14, 2002

For the first time in the history of Jefferson, the Boston Post Cane for the oldest citizen in town was presented to a couple, Willard and Alice Bean, who turned 95 this year, she on January 16 and he on February 3. The original cane was lost, so a replacement plaque was given by selectmen Michele Ward, Carroll Ingerson and Ted Clukay. Arlene Allin photo.

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Paul F. Donovan
SELECTMEN	Theodore P. Clukay, Chairman Carroll E. Ingerson Michele C. Ward
TREASURER	Marie A. Noyes
TAX COLLECTOR	Mary L. Gross
TOWN CLERK	Opal L. Bronson
AUDITOR	Rita M. Larcomb
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST	Donald Noyes Cheryl Meehan Jane Holmes
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Jeffrey Wiseman, Director
PLANNING BOARD	Ernest Gaudes, Chairman
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS	Kim Perry, Chairman
FIRE CHIEF	Chris Milligan
FAST SQUAD	Larry Coulter, Jr., Director
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	Jason Call Harold Davis Rupert Corrigan
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Adele Woods, Chairman Meg Costa Cheryl Meehan
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	David Govatski, Chairman

WARRANT
2003 TOWN MEETING

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM NOON TO 8:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Jefferson in the County of Coos in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Jefferson on Tuesday, the **eleventh** day of March next, at 7:30 of the clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year**

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $475,000 for the purpose of closing the Town Dump to meet EPA regulations and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the sum of $65,294 from the Dump Closure CRF and authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow up to $409,706 by issue of serial notes or bonds of the Town in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) upon such terms and at such rate of interest as the Selectmen may determine and further to authorize the Selectmen to do whatever may be necessary in connection with the issuance of such notes or bonds. The payment on such notes or bond to be paid over 10 years starting in 2004. **2/3 ballot vote required.** Selectmen do not recommend.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $242,000 for the purchase of a new Pumper/Tanker and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw $70,000 from the Fire Truck CRF and authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow up to $172,000 by issue of serial notes or bonds of the Town in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) upon such terms and at such rate of interest as the Selectmen may determine and further to authorize the Selectmen to do whatever may be necessary in connection with the issuance of such notes or bonds. The payment on such notes or bond to be paid over 10 years starting in 2004. **2/3 ballot vote required.** Selectmen to not recommend.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000 to reconstruct the Transfer Station. Selectmen do not recommend.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year. That sum being $408,753. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $23,000 for the purpose of Phase I Revaluation and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw $12,500 for the Revaluation CRF created for this purpose. The balance of $10,500 to be raised by taxation. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds as listed. Selectmen recommend.

$10,000 Highway Vehicle CRF $10,000 Dump Closure CRF
$5,000 Rt. 115B Reconstruction CRF

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds as listed. Selectmen recommend.

$20,000 Fire Truck CRF

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be added to the Town Library Fund. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500 for the purpose of cemetery maintenance, $2,500 to come from the fund balance (surplus) with **no** funds being raised by taxation. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $830 for the support of the Mt. Washington Regional Airport. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19a, to be known as the Athletic Trust Fund, for the purpose of supporting the athletic and recreation needs of Jefferson, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000 for this purpose, with the Selectmen as agents to expend. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to modify the Elderly Exemptions from property tax in the Town of Jefferson, based on the assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years,

$10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older $20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $15,400 or if married, a combined net income of less than $23,000; and net assets not in excess of $35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to accept Savage Hill Road, so-called, as a public way, said road running off North Road and is shown on a subdivision plan entitled "Subdivision Plan for Chester, Jr. and Janet Savage, part of Lot 3, Range 6, North Road, Jefferson, NH" surveyed by Colin F. Sutherland, L.L.S., approved by the Town of Jefferson Planning Board May 22, 2001, and recorded at Coos Deeds Plan File, as Plan #1681, for Chester Savage, Jr. and Janet Savage, previous owners of the underlying land, and to accept a deed therefor from Norman R. Farland and Simonne S. Farland, and Brian G. Fontaine, and Paul Foukas and Paula Foukas, and John W. Loper and Melissa L. Loper, and Sally A. Matthews, the owners of the underlying land. By petition.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500 for the purpose of supporting the WMRHS Class of 2003 Chem-Free Last Blast. These funds to be used to promote alcohol and drug free students by sponsoring a safe, chemical free graduation celebration. This year's celebration will be at the Loon Mt. Resort. By petition.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will adopt an ordinance to prohibit smoking in restaurants and similar public places. This ordinance is meant only for restaurant patrons' choice. It will not affect the dispensing of tobacco products in stores. (see complete ordinance on page 68). By petition.

ARTICLE 17: That we, the citizens of Jefferson, NH, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that; everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un-and underinsured, and small business owners has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive, everyone, including employers, consumer, and the state, local and federal govern-

ment makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system, everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective and that these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care. By petition.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of such property of the Town as the Selectmen in their sole discretion deem equitable, just and subject to existing laws.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes in accordance to RSA 80:52-a.

ARTICLE 20: To transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

**Article 1 to be voted by ballot while polls are open.

Given under our hands and seal this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand-three.

A True Copy: ATTEST

THEODORE P. CLUKAY
MICHELE C. WARD
CARROLL E. INGERSON
Board of Selectmen
Town of Jefferson, NH

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2003

Purpose of Appropriations	Approp. Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expend. Prior Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	$33,000	$32,127	$35,000
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	7,000	7,497	10,500
Financial Administration	17,000	14,232	17,000
Legal Expense	3,000	13,003	15,000
Planning and Zoning	6,000	3,695	6,000
General Government Buildings	15,000	3,446	10,000
Cemeteries	7,000	4,462	7,000
Insurance	15,000	11,233	15,000
Other General Government	3,000	13,718	3,000
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police	5,000	4,944	5,500
Ambulance	7,500	6,905	8,500
Fire	32,000	31,152	32,000
Emergency Management	400		400
Other (Including Communications)	1,500	850	1,500
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			
Airport Operations (War. Art. #11)	830	830	830
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			
Highways & Streets	93,000	81,619	93,000
Bridges	3,000	2,441	3,000
Street Lighting	6,000	4,873	6,000
Other - Parking Lot	14,000	14,000	_
SANITATION			
Solid Waste Disposal	85,000	85,404	90,000
Solid Waste Clean-up		1,800	10,000
Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other	1,000	463	1,000
HEALTH			
Pest Control	500	160	500
Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	9,232	9,232	10,503
WELFARE			
Administration & Direct Assistance		700	3,000

CULTURE & RECREATION			
Parks & Recreation	5,000	3,016	5,000
Library	9,500	9,172	11,500
Patriotic Purposes	500	100	500
CONSERVATION			
Other Conservation	350	350	350
DEBT SERVICE			
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	5,000	2,491	5,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	38,000	52,915	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
Sewer	3,000	2,825	3,000
To Capital Reserve Fund (War. Art. #7 $25,000 & #8 $20,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$471,312	$464,655	$454,583

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Purpose of Appropriations	Warrant Art. #	Approp. Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Approp. Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
Dump Closure	2		$475,000
Fire Truck	3		242,000
Chem-Free Last Blast	15	500.00	
Transfer Station Relocation	4		15,000
		$500.00	

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Purpose of Appropriations	Warrant Art. #	Approp. Prior Yr. as Approved by DRA	Actual Expend. Prior Yr.	Approp. Ensuing FY (Recom.)	Approp. Ensuing FY (Not Recom.)
Revaluation	6			$23,000	
Cemetery Main	10			2,500	
Recreation Transfer Fund	12			20,000	
Library Transfer Fund	9			10,000	
				$55,500	

Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ens. Year
TAXES			
Land Use Change Taxes	$ 6,443	$13,010	$ 1,000
Resident Taxes	5,000	5,300	5,000
Timber Taxes	8,000	21,034	8,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	350	350	-0-
Interest & Pen. on Delinq.Taxes	25,000	24,636	18,000
Inventory Penalties		84	100
Excavation Tax ($.02 cents per cu. yd.)		26	25
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	145,000	174,769	160,000
Building Permits	30	48	30
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,000	3,443	3,000
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenues	6,000	8,789	7,000
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	22,000	28,903	25,000
Highway Block Grant	35,860	35,861	37,676
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	3,500	6,049	3,500
Other	4,500	535	500
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	4,600	3,919	4,200
Other Charges - Reimburse Fees		728	3,500
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Sale of Municipal Property	400	17,600	400
Interest on Investments	1,500	1,954	1,500
Other	4,000	10,424	4,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
From Capital Reserve Funds	18,000	18,000	12,500
From Trust & Agency Funds	6,000	2,790	6,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Amt. VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")	10,000	10,000	2,500
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes	30,000	30,000	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS	$339,183	$378,252	$303,431

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Ensuing Year
Appropriations Recommended	$454,583
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	500
"Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended	55,500
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	510,583
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	303,431
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	$207,152

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have examined the 2002 Books, Statements, and all other financial records for the Town of Jefferson and have found them to be correct to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Respectfully submitted,

RITA M. LARCOMB
Auditor

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

LAND		
Current Use (current use value)		
20,296.67 Acres	$ 1,093,366	
Residential		
6,083.30 Acres	17,558,200	
Commercial/Industrial/Mixed Use		
575.25 Acres	1,226,200	
TOTAL TAXABLE LAND		$19,877,766
BUILDINGS		
Residential	31,161,300	
Manufactured Housing	2,015,000	
Commercial/Industrial/Mixed Use	7,010,700	
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS		40,187,000
UTILITIES		
Public Service Company of New Hampshire	1,387,500	
Portland Pipeline Corporation	3,455,300	
TOTAL UTILITIES		4,842,800
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		64,907,566
EXEMPTIONS		
Blind (2)	30,000	
Elderly (4)	85,000	
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS		115,000
NET VALUE FOR LOCAL TAX COMPUTATION		$64,792,566
Less Utilities		4,842,800
NET VALUE FOR STATE TAX COMPUTATION		$59,949,766

(Land tax exempt and non-taxable 3,560.18 acres value 1,489,300 buildings tax exempt and non-taxable value 1,304,200)

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Town Appropriations	$ 471,312
Less Revenues	-381,769
Net Town Appropriations	89,543
Add School Appropriations	1,553,835
Less Adequate Education Grant	-489,854
Less State Education Tax	-371,862
Add County Appropriations	305,877
TOTAL	$1,087,539
Less Shared Revenues	-2,263
Add Veterans Credit	3,150
Add Overlay	7,692
LOCAL TAXES TO BE RAISED	1,096,118
STATE EDUCATION TAX TO BE RAISED	371,862
TOTAL TAXES BEING RAISED	$1,467,980

PROOF OF COMPUTATION - local valuation 64,792,566 times $16.92 per thousand equals 1,096,118 state local valuation less utilities 59,949,577 times $6.20 per thousand equals 371,862.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

TAXES		
Property Taxes	$1,519,227	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	350	
Resident Taxes	5,300	
Excavation Taxes	26	
Yield Taxes	21,034	
Interest and Penalties	24,720	
Land Use Change Tax	13,010	
TOTAL		$1,583,667
LICENSES AND PERMITS		
Motor Vehicles	174,769	
Building Permits	48	
Other Licenses and Permits	3,390	
TOTAL		178,207
FROM STATE AND FEDERAL		
Shared Revenue	8,789	
Highway Block Grant	35,861	
State & Federal Land Reimbursement	6,356	
Rooms and Meals Tax	28,903	
Fire Warden Reimbursement	228	
Railroad Tax	0	
TOTAL		80,137
MISC. REVENUE SOURCES		
Sale of Scrap Metal	177	
Charges from Departments	708	
Interest on Investment	1,954	
Sewer Fees Collected	2,748	
Coping and Dump Stickers	306	
Town Hall Rent	471	
Reimbursement of Fire Dept.	1,260	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	1,600	
Insurance Dividends	27	
Insurance Claims	2,283	
Sale of Dodge	16,000	
UCC Fees	729	
TOTAL		28,263
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS		
Highway Capital Reserve	18,000	
Sewer Fund (maint.)	5,620	
Reclamation Trust Fund (Tire Removal)	2,790	
Reclamation Trust Fund (Town Clerk Fees)	795	
TOTAL		27,205

TEMPORARY LOAN		
Tax Anticipation Note	295,200	
TOTAL		295,200
TOTAL REVENUE ALL SOURCES	$2,192,679	
FUND BALANCE AS OF 1/01/02		424,210
GRAND TOTAL		$2,616,889

($263.51 unredeemed checks from prior year credited to general fund)

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Executive	$32,127
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	7,497
Financial Administration	14,232
Planning Board	2,856
Zoning Board	821
Legal Expenses	13,003
Town Hall & Other Government Buildings	3,446
Insurance	11,233
Cemeteries	4,462
Tax Abatements & Refunds	1,576
Other Government Reimbursement	9,492
Taxes Bought by Town	44,731
Whitefield Regional Airport	830
Engineering Services	2,649
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Fire	31,152
Police	4,032
Animal Control	160
Fast Squad	850
Lancaster District Court	
Juvenile Diversion	913
Emergency Management	0
HIGHWAY AND STREETS	
Highway Department	81,619
Street Lighting	4,873
Bridge Repairs	2,441
Parking Lot Paving	14,000
SANITATION	
Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling	85,404
Grounds Upkeep Leachfield	513
Sewage Collection & Disposal	0
Landfill Closure Planning	1,800

HEALTH		
Ambulance	6,905	
Senior Meals	475	
Health Services	8,757	
WELFARE		
Direct Assistance	700	
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
Park and Recreation	3,016	
Library	9,172	
Patriotic Purposes	100	
CONSERVATION		
Conservation Commission	350	
DEBT SERVICES		
Temporary Loans (TAN)	295,200	
Interest Tax Anticipation Note	2,491	
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Ford 550, Plow & Sander	52,915	
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		
Transfer to Capital Reserve Funds	45,000	
Transfer to Sewer Fund	2,825	
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
Taxes Paid to County	306,974	
Taxes Paid to School District	1,049,006	
TOTAL		$2,160,598

BALANCE SHEET

CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	$ 369,646	$ 424,209
Taxes Receivable	213,992	187,288
Tax Liens Receivable	38,839	46,971
Accounts Receivable	0	0
Other Funds & Assets	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	622,477	658,468
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Warrants & Accounts Payable	0	3,311
Due to School District	438,503	444,006
Contract Payable	0	0
Due to Other Funds	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	438,503	447,317
FUND EQUITY		
Reserve for Special Purposes	2,600	0
Reserve for Approp. from Surplus	21,500	23,450
Unreserved Fund Balance	159,874	187,701
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	183,974	211,151
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	$622,477	$658,768

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings	$ 989,000
Furniture and equipment	15,500
Library, land and buildings	60,000
Furniture, equipment, books	110,000
Police Department	2,000
Fire Department, building	94,900
Equipment	176,800
Highway Department, equipment	197,300
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	23,000
Gravel Pit	7,300
Solid Waste Facility	45,800
Cemeteries	54,000
Deeded land and buildings	256,700
TOTAL	$2,032,300

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES 2001	2000	1997-99
DR.				
UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEGINNING OF YEAR*				
Property Taxes		$185,971.95	$ 896.80	
Resident Taxes		1,200.00	370.00	$340.00
Utility Charges - Sewer		2,056.00		
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:				
Property Taxes	$1,463,849.68			
Resident Taxes	5,860.00			
Land Use Change	15,129.00			
Yield Taxes	21,034.00			
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd.	25.60			
Utility Charges-Sewer	2,750.00			
OVERPAYMENT:				
Property Taxes	1,146.04		.06	
Land Use Change	1.00			
Interest - Late Tax	778.43	11,591.53	45.50	
Resident Tax Penalty	14.00	54.00	10.00	6.00
TOTAL DEBITS	$1,510,587.75	$200,873.48	$1,322.36	$346.00

*This amount should be the same as last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

	Levy for this Year	PRIOR LEVIES 2001	2000	1997-1999
CR.				
REMITTED TO TREASURER:				
Property Taxes	$1,293,619.78	$145,502.02	$896.86	
Resident Taxes	4,580.00	550.00	110.00	60.00
Land Use Change	13,010.00			
Yield Taxes	21,034.00			
Interest (include lien conversion)	778.43	11,591.53	45.50	
Penalties	14.00	54.00	10.00	6.00
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd.	25.60			
Utility Charges - Sewer	1,448.00	652.00		
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		*40,986.00		
ABATEMENTS MADE:				
Property Taxes	182.00	131.93		
Resident Taxes		50.00	20.00	20.00
Utility Charges - Sewer	324.00	756.00		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES END OF YEAR:				
Property Taxes	171,193.94	0	0	0
Resident Taxes	1,280.00	600.00	240.00	260.00
Land Use Change	2,120.00			
Yield Taxes	0			
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd.	0			
Utility Charges - Sewer	978.00			
TOTAL CREDITS	$1,510,587.75	$200,873.48	$1,322.36	$346.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Tax Sale/Lien Accounts

	Last Year's Levy 2001	PRIOR LEVIES 2000	1999	1997
DR.				
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year		$31,085.20	$15,885.88	$1,287.41
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	$40,986.00			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	1,826.80	3,701.47	6,320.05	360.18
TOTAL DEBITS	$42,812.80	$34,786.67	$22,205.93	$1,647.59
CR.				
REMITTED TO TREASURER:				
Redemptions	$10,816.94	$13,470.77	$13,308.53	$1,287.41
Int. and Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	1,826.80	3,701.47	6,320.05	360.18
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	93.17			
Liens Deeded to Municipality	3,650.47	4,283.94	2,577.35	
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year	26,425.42	13,330.49	0	0
TOTAL CREDITS	$42,812.80	$34,786.67	$22,205.93	$1,647.59

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)? NO

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. GROSS
Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

I hereby certify that during the year ending December 31, 2002, I issued 1,709 Auto Registrations, which I collected for same $174,781.00, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I collected 1,591 Reclamation Trust Fund fees, amounting to $4,435.00, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I issued 268 Dog Licenses collecting for same $1,662.50, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I issued 8 Marriage Licenses, which I reported to the State.

I collected $6.00 in Filing Fees, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

My expenses for postage, supplies, meetings and conventions were $506.38.

Respectfully Submitted,
OPAL L. BRONSON
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

I hereby certify that in the year ending December 31, 2002, I have received from the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Reclamation Trust Fund, Sewer Fund, Lancaster National Bank, Conservation Commission; plus paid Selectmen's orders and carried out other transactions as follows, in the four succeeding separate accounts to the best of my knowledge.

GENERAL FUND CREDITS:		
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 2002		$ 424,209.57
2002 Deposits	$1,891,676.79	
Bank Loans (Tax Anticipation)	295,200.00	
Interest on N.O.W. & HIFI Accounts	1,953.65	
Reclamation Trust Fund	3,585.10	
TOTAL CREDITS	$2,192,415.54	
GEN. FUND DISBURSEMENTS:		$2,616,625.11
Selectmen's Orders	$2,160,334.13	-2,160,334.13
2002 GEN. FUND BANK BALANCE		$ 456,290.98
R.T.F.:		
2001 Balance	$ 15,012.98	
2002 Deposits	4,435.00	
2002 Interest	255.83	
TOTAL CREDITS	$ 19,703.81	$ 19,703.81
R.T.F. DISBURSEMENTS:		
Town Clerk's Commission (1591) Registrations	$ 795.50	
Tire Removal	2,789.60	
2002 R.T.F.	$ 3,585.10	$ 3,585.10
		$ 16,118.71
SEWER FUND:		
2001 Balance	$ 21,926.70	
2002 Deposits	2,825.00	
2002 Interest	295.27	
TOTAL CREDITS	$ 25,046.97	$ 25,046.97
SEWER FUND DISBURSEMENTS:		
Sewer Maintenance	$ 5,620.41	
2002 Sewer Fund	$ 19,426.56	$ 19,426.56
CONSERVATION COMM. FUND:		
2001 Balance	$ 694.00	
2002 Deposits	160.00	
2002 Debits	-250.00	
TOTAL CREDITS	$ 604.00	
2002 CONSERVATION FUND BALANCE:		$ 604.00

Respectfully submitted,
MARIE A. NOYES, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT OF JEFFERSON TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Year Ended 12/31/2002

Deposits with Lancaster National Bank:		
Cemetery Care	$ 85,172.97	
Jefferson Memorial Health Fund	2,273.06	
Friends of Ben Kenison Fund	935.00	
H. Hartley Conservation Fund	1,671.30	
Skating Rink Fund	1,072.26	
Honor Roll Fund	1,553.46	
Nevers-Jefferson Scholarship Fund	30,679.47	
Total Deposits with Lanc. Nat. Bank	$123,357.52	
Deposits with NH Public Deposit Investment Pool:		
Capital Reserve Funds:		
#1 Highway Vehicle	$ 31,292.44	
#2 Revaluation	47,373.69	
#3 Dump Closure	66,215.68	
#4 Bridge Repair & Maintenance	4,162.89	
#5 Reconstruction of Rte. 115B	39,057.50	
#6 Fire Truck	91,595.79	
#7 Buildings	26,012.52	
Perambulating Fund	13,952.00	
Town Library Fund	22,037.74	
Total Funds in PDIP:	$341,700.25	
Total of all Trust Accounts as of 12/31/02		$465,057.77
Total of all Trust Accounts as of 12/31/01		433,803.23
Payments:		
Care of Cemeteries	1,930.00	
White Mtns. Regional Library	27.95	
Scholarships	2,250.00	
H. Hartley Fund	600.00	
Town - Highway Vehicle	18,000.00	
Total Expenses	$22,807.95	
Additions to Funds:		
Interest Earned on Accounts	8,962.49	
Nevers-Jefferson Donations	100.00	
CR#1 Highway Vehicle	0.00	
CR#2 Revaluation	10,000.00	
CR#3 Dump Closure Fund	10,000.00	
CR#5 Reconstruction of 115B	5,000.00	
CR#6 Fire Truck	20,000.00	
Total Additions	$54,062.49	
Net Increase to all Funds:		$ 31,254.54
Balance as of 12/31/02		$465,057.77

Trustees of Trust Funds:

JASON CALL RUPERT CORRIGAN HAROLD DAVIS

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

EXECUTIVE		
Ted Clukay, Chairman	1,500	
Michele Ward	1,500	
Carroll Ingerson	1,500	
Employer FICA & Medicare	344	
Linda Cushman, Assistant	18,342	
Employer FICA & Medicare	1,403	
Paul Donovan, Moderator	75	
Printing	1,644	
Dues & Memberships	860	
Office Supplies	687	
Postage & Envelopes	636	
Phone	914	
Advertising	94	
Town Meeting Expenses	114	
Office Machine Repair & Maintenance	43	
Software Service Contract	1,700	
Miscellaneous	771	
TOTAL		$ 32,127
ELECTION, REGISTRY & VITAL		
Opal Bronson, Town Clerk	1,000	
Donald Noyes, Supervisor	200	
Cheryl Meehan, Supervisor	200	
Jane Holmes, Supervisor	200	
Employer FICA & Medicare	122	
Fees paid to Clerk		
Auto Registration Fees	3,418	
Dog Licenses Fees	268	
Vital Records	6	
Reclamation Trust Fees	796	
UCC Filing Fees	195	
Printing of Ballots	112	
Dog Licenses & Tags	82	
Supervisors Expenses	216	
Clerk Convention, Meetings & Dues	394	
Postage	25	
Miscellaneous	262	
TOTAL		7,496
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION		
Assessing		
Annual Pick Up Work	1,682	
File Storage Fee	857	
Process Changes	241	
Tax Map Update	770	
Subtotal		3,550

Treasurer		
Marie A. Noyes	2,000	
Employer FICA & Medicare	153	
Postage & Envelopes	210	
Expenses	150	
Subtotal		2,513
Tax Collector		
Mary Gross	6,300	
Employer FICA & Medicare	482	
Recording Liens	74	
Redemptions	71	
Discharges	71	
Printing	288	
Postage & Envelopes	461	
Dues & Meeting	35	
Office Supplies	33	
Subtotal		7,815
Auditing of Town Books	350	
Postage	4	
Subtotal		354
TOTAL		14,232
PLANNING & ZONING		
Planning		
Ruth Lowe, Secretary	1,172	
Employer FICA & Medicare	83	
Recording Fees	60	
Advertising	118	
Office Supplies	38	
Envelopes & Postage	371	
Dues	840	
Miscellaneous	174	
Subtotal		2,856
Zoning		
Rita Larcomb, Secretary	234	
Employer FICA & Medicare	18	
Envelopes & Postage	334	
Advertising	165	
Conference	70	
Subtotal		821
TOTAL		3,677
AIRPORT OPERATIONS		
White Mountain Regional Airport	830	
TOTAL		830

INSURANCE		
Worker Compensation	2,067	
Property Liability - NHMA Trust	8,041	
Deductible Paid	1,125	
TOTAL		11,233
POLICE		
Charles Huntington, Officer	2,656	
Employer FICA & Medicare	203	
Mileage	1,019	
Uniform	91	
Miscellaneous	62	
Juvenile Diversion Program	913	
TOTAL		4,944
LIBRARY		
Suzanne Crafton, Librarian	1,998	
Lucille Cameron, Assistant	1,295	
Employer FICA & Medicare	269	
Trustee Budget		
Books	2,097	
Audio/Video	162	
Jackets, Pockets, other Supplies	200	
Heating Fuel	969	
Phone & Internet Service	1,059	
Electricity	341	
Grounds Upkeep	224	
Repair & Maintenance	352	
Miscellaneous	206	
TOTAL		9,172
STREET LIGHTING		
Public Service Company	4,873	
TOTAL		4,873
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
Dues	175	
Seminar/Meetings	15	
Transfer to CC Account	160	
TOTAL		350
FAST SQUAD		
New Radios	850	
TOTAL		850
LEGAL EXPENSES		
Sewer Issues	29	
General Expenses	494	
Estabrooks v. Town	12,480	
TOTAL		13,003

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS		
Removal of Store Building	0	
Electricity	653	
Heating Fuel	1,214	
Grounds	200	
Maintenance	756	
Sewer Rent Paid	470	
Supplies	118	
Miscellaneous	35	
TOTAL		3,446
CEMETERIES		
Starr King mowing & cleaning stones	1,976	
Indian	85	
Hillside	800	
Forrest Vale	510	
Riverton	165	
Kilkenny View	690	
Wentworth-Reed	100	
Employer FICA & Medicare	136	
TOTAL		4,462
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES		
Memorial Day - cemetery flags donation	100	
TOTAL		100
PARKS AND RECREATION		
Swim Lessons Colonel Town Recreation	400	
Electricity	278	
Grounds Upkeep	890	
Skating Rink Maintenance	400	
Pool/Fire Pond Maintenance	677	
Christmas Tree, Flag, Skating Rink Liner	371	
TOTAL		3,016
SEWER DISPOSAL & MAINTENANCE		
Mowing of Leachfield	400	
Carbon Filter & adapter	113	
TOTAL		513
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
Summer Maintenance Salaries	16,960	
Winter Maintenance Salaries	20,493	
Employer FICA & Medicare	2,859	
General Highway Expenses		
Electricity - Yard Light	239	
Garage Rent	3,400	

International Repairs & Maintenance	3,161	
1998 Dodge Repairs & Maintenance	1,235	
2002 Ford Accessories	2,013	
Small Sander	414	
Backhoe Repairs, Maintenance & Bucket	2,258	
Rock Rake Maintenance	76	
Grader Repair, Maintenance & Tires	1,710	
Vehicle Fuel	3,216	
Pressure Cleaner Repairs	55	
Chloride	3,636	
Winter Sand	6,571	
Salt	2,584	
Road Maintenance	3,633	
Hired Equipment	2,871	
Plow Cutting Edges	1,060	
Maintenance Supplies	2,334	
Air jack	400	
Miscellaneous	442	
TOTAL		81,620
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		
Frank Gray	8,853	
Bill McMann	1,405	
Leo Dupont	1,581	
Albert Dingman	1,334	
Paul Couture	2,680	
Carroll Ingerson	81	
Employer FICA & Medicare	1,219	
Electricity	515	
Hauling to Mt. Carberry Landfill	8,525	
Hauling to Recycling Ctr. - Berlin	12,853	
Disposal Cost Mt. Carberry Landfill	22,397	
Disposal Cost C&D	6,867	
Annual Membership Fee	13,262	
Telephone	226	
Monitor Well Testing	695	
Membership and Dues	150	
Repair and Maintenance	2,761	
TOTAL		85,404
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Chris Milligan, Chief	1,554	
Mark Corrigan, Asst. Chief	605	
Melissa Brooks	308	
Lawrence Coulter, Jr.	280	
Christina Corrigan	84	
Katrina Corrigan	42	

Kenneth H. Gianlorenzo	280	
Fred Ingerson	252	
Larry Kenison	189	
Dan Kenly	210	
Merlyn Baker	189	
Kevin Staines	259	
Larry Wells	343	
Jeff Wiseman	385	
Bill Patnaude	140	
Edward Dorr, III	266	
Jack Paschal	217	
Adam White	196	
Joe Beliveau	140	
Richard Steele	84	
John Bishop	266	
Mark Robert	385	
Sid Walker, Jr.	210	
Christina Ingerson	77	
Chris Nelson	63	
Employer FICA & Medicare	568	
Electricity	494	
Building Fuel	1,111	
Radio Repair	222	
Fire Pond Maintenance	1,102	
Vehicle Inspections	250	
New Equipment	6,709	
New Gear/Clothing	1,881	
Inland Divers	523	
General Maintenance Supplies	607	
Community Ads	60	
Training	141	
Vehicle Fuel	860	
Telephone	614	
Fire Warden Expenses	1,387	
Forest Fire Equipment	277	
Building Repair & Maintenance	2,258	
New Furnace	3,538	
Dues	135	
Engine I Repair & Maintenance	633	
Tanker II Repair & Maintenance	40	
Tanker I Repair & Maintenance	149	
Miscellaneous	569	
TOTAL		31,152

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Winter Road Maintenance		
Salaries		
Paul Couture	$12,216	
Frank Gray	5,073	
Carroll Ingerson	3,204	
		$20,493
Summer Road Maintenance		
Salaries		
Paul Couture	11,264	
Frank Gray	4,503	
Carroll Ingerson	718	
David Couture	475	
		16,960
Hired Equipment		
Trucking & Dozer	2,871	
		2,871
Bridge Repairs		
Larcomb Bridge - Decking		
Materials	1,914	
Paul Couture	241	
Frank Gray	149	
Walter Goyner	137	
		2,441

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

We have been recycling for almost 12 years now, and we are still having problems. Why?

1. PLEASE - sort your cans, bottles, trash, mail, etc. prior to coming to the transfer station.

2. PLEASE - ask if you are not sure where something goes.

3. PLEASE - break down all cardboard.

4. PLEASE - remove trash from inside of cardboard boxes. Like pizza boxes with food left in them.

5. PLEASE - do not block the flow of cars/trucks, so that everyone has the same chance to dispose of their trash.

6. PLEASE - adhere to our Dump hours.
   Winter: Wed. 3:00-5:00 Sat. 8:00-5:00
   Summer: Mon. 3:00-6:00 Wed. 12:00-6:00
   Sat. 8:00-6:00

NO EARLY BIRDS - NO LATE BLOOMERS

As some of you are aware, due to noncompliance, we have been forced to issue citations. The FINE for noncompliance is $25.00. If you receive 2 citations, your dump pass will be taken away.

We do want to thank the townspeople of Jefferson for their cooperation this past year; and in advance for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK GRAY
Transfer Station Officer

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

2002 turned out to be a busy year for the department and the members. We responded to thirty-seven calls and participation by all has been exceptional as most members have taken classes offered by the NH Fire Academy hosted at other towns. These consisted of SCBA, (self contained breathing apparatus), life fire training, a forestry class, pump and tanker shuttles, CPR class and certification, offered by our Fast Squad. This, in conjunction with our own meeting schedule, kept everybody moving around quite a bit. This is needed for continued training and to keep our skills honed. We are fortunate we have dedicated people who give their free time to be members of this department to offer the best possible service we can. Our members joined the school in the Memorial Day activities in honoring our past and present home town veterans and participated in the Fourth of July parade, the parade of lights, (fire prevention week) in the towns of Littleton and Lancaster where we were awarded the most spirited department. Good show people!! We made our way down to the school for our yearly fire prevention program with a new stop at Kids Corner, (Thanks Bonnie). This is a yearly treat for us as we get to spend time with our future, a chance to maybe in some way make a difference, a learning experience for us all. Many thanks to the school staff for all your support and some who were brave enough to go through the obstacle course.

We made some repairs at the Waumbek pool over the summer, the main drain valve needed repairs and with the help of our members and Ted Ames (Inland Divers) the valve is repaired at quite a savings, and we took it upon ourselves to clear out the overgrown brush and, with the help of Mark Robert and Doc Markey with their tractors, Paul Couture for hauling it off, took out the broken cement on the Cameron side and reinstalled a new flow pipe to the pool. We have spruced the place up and hope we gave it a start in the right direction. Thanks to everyone for the hard work put into this thus far.

As most are aware as of **January 01, 2003 it is now against the law to burn any type of household trash. We will no longer be issuing barrel permits to burn trash.** This does not affect campfires, brush, grass. This law comes from the Department of Environmental Services and enforced by NH Forests and Lands from whom we issue permits. Please feel free to contact us with any concerns on this matter. In March 2002, with voter approval we were authorized to investigate the possible purchase in 2003 of a new piece of apparatus, a tanker pumper

to replace the 1957 International we have now. The committee formed has put a lot of work and meetings into this vehicle to ensure it is beneficial to the department as it will be multi-functional, giving us a second attack vehicle or to haul water if needed. The design to this vehicle has not been taken lightly. We have made sure that every detail has been worked out to have the most efficient vehicle we could and info on this vehicle is available from us.

This year we are asking for your support (our townspeople) to vote the purchase of this vehicle, helping us have and providing better protection for our town. The Firemen's Association voted this past October to purchase a 1989 walk-in van and gave it to the department and the town, to replace the 1977 van now in use. This move was decided as the present van has served us well, but have outgrown due to the amount of equipment we must carry with us. The van was purchased with association funds for the price of $10,000.00 and is being refitted by the association to meet our needs. Fire Safety is the key to fire prevention. Make sure you have working smoke alarms on all floors and all living areas. Test monthly and change batteries twice a year when we change the clocks. Have a family escape plan and practice it often. Keep at least two working ABC extinguishers accessible. **Remember the only Emergency Number to call for FIRE, MEDICAL OR POLICE IS 911.** Never let a small problem become a large one.

Please keep your house numbers visible and in good shape, this helps us find your home if needed. If anyone has any thoughts, questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any department member as we are more than glad to assist in any way we can. I must express my gratitude to the members of this department, for your hard work and dedication to your town and to the department. Be proud of yourselves. To past members who helped make the department what it is, to the N.H. Department of Transportation, Dist. 1 Lancaster for all our dispatching and their assistance. The FAST SQUAD who watch over us while we are out on call, to the informal auxiliary who bring us needs to the scenes, North Pact Mutual Aid, which we are a member in good standing, the continued support from our townspeople and select board. May 2003 be safe and prosperous for all of us.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief CHRISTOPHER MILLIGAN

JEFFERSON F.A.S.T. SQUAD REPORT

Here we are approaching the end of another season and we bid goodbye to the year 2002 as we ring in the new year. Time definitely does not stand still for the members of the F.A.S.T. Squad as we responded to 84 emergencies within the Town of Jefferson this past year. We were even called out of town a few times to aid in other emergencies that were taking place. Our call volume is staying very consistent and does not seem to want to drop off and if anything we are getting busier than ever before. We used to have one of the smallest call volumes and now we are keeping up with towns that are bigger than we are. That influx in people moving into the area and new homes being built are a factor in the increase of calls that we now handle. We are currently four members strong and I urge anybody wishing to become a member of the F.A.S.T. Squad or Fire Department to drop by the fire station on every first and third Tuesday of the month. Here you can ask questions of the people that are involved in these departments and get a feel of what they do. Saving lives always comes first and it is a great feeling to help your neighbor when disaster strikes. Donating a little bit of your time can make a world of difference in someone's life when tragedy hits them when they least expect it.

Moose accidents still seem to be coming in on a regular basis. The best defense is a seatbelt worn properly and an airbag if they are available in your vehicle. When driving at night try to abide by the speed limit and pay close attention to the areas where the moose seem to be traveling. The fastest growing winter sport in the north country today is snow machining. Every year the state reports more registrations than the year before. This not only means more revenue for the state but also more people traveling on the trail system which also means more accidents. Please make your children attend the snow machine safety courses that are offered in various locations around the local towns. It is also required by law if they are riding alone and make sure they are wearing helmets that are approved for that activity they are participating in. Get involved with the snow machine clubs in your area and get familiar with the rules and regulations so the whole family can enjoy a fun filled day of riding.

Don't forget to educate your family on the use of the 911 system. This tool will bring you the resources of

FIRE/POLICE/MEDICAL to wherever you need them to be. When you now call in for a medical emergency, as you are telling the 911 operator what is taking place, everything they are typing in is coming over a screen at Weeks Hospital in Lancaster. This enables us to receive the information faster and in turn we are able to get to you faster. As new technology arrives it can only add to the safety of all of us. Be sure your 911 number is attached to your house or on a post in front of your home or business so we can locate you in a timely manner.

The F.A.S.T. Squad is working to have a couple of events this summer. We are working on a car seat inspection day which you can bring your car down to the fire station and our certified inspectors will make sure your car seat is installed properly and that there are no recalls on your seat. Also we would like the Dartmouth Hitchcock Emergency Helicopter to fly in and show what they do and how we use them to transport trauma patients to the medical center in Lebanon. Thanks to the Fire Department, Weeks Hospital, Department of Transportation in Lancaster, and Lancaster Ambulance for all of the support they give us during the year.

On behalf of the Jefferson F.A.S.T. Squad, we wish to extend best wishes for a safe and happy 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE W. COULTER, JR.
Director

JEFFERSON FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Firemen's Association has had a very productive and rewarding year. Starting in May, we hosted the Northern NH Forest Fire Warden/Deputy Warden Association Spring dinner meeting. This was the first time this meeting had been held in town. We hosted a full house and it was a huge success. We have been asked to host this again in May 2003. May it be as successful.

We had very good attendance for our pancake breakfasts in July and October. We could not have done these events without the use of the Jefferson Odd Fellows Lodge Hall. Thank you I.O.O.F. Lodge 103 for your support this past year, and to the Old Corner Store, the Water Wheel Restaurant, the Jefferson Inn for your generous donations of food items which helped make the difference. To our 'bean ladies' and 'great doughnuts', thank you for staying with us.

We had a picture perfect day for the 2nd golf tournament held in August at the Waumbek Golf Club. Thanks to organizers Bill Patnaude, Merlyn Baker and golf pro Larry Fellows.

In September, Bob and Louise Corrigan and family donated the proceeds from their annual car show, in conjunction with the proceeds from the raffle Ed Ashby put together. The day and weather was ideal, good show, good food, good times, good friends. May your car show continue to grow and be a success.

We must thank Larry Coulter and Holly Ramsey of the dance hall The Extreme for holding a benefit dance for us in November and donating the proceeds to the association. We cannot express how grateful we are to everyone who made raffle donations to us that were held at all these events this past year and to those who attended these functions. We hope you had as good a time as we did, and to the good folks who have given us donations from the kindness of their hearts.

Some of the proceeds we earned and received this past year, along with monies from past years, were put to good use. As with all the purchases we make, they are in the best interest of the association, the department and the town. We chose to make an expenditure this past October to purchase a 1989 walk-in tool van which we in turn have given to the Fire Department and to the town. This will replace the 1977 van we bought and gave to the department in 1986. The van cost $10,000.00 and we are currently outfitting it to suit our needs. This will be a great asset to us as we have outgrown the present van as we find we must carry so much equipment these days. I must say all the members put in an outstanding year as we have kept quite busy, thank you all. Again much appreciation to everyone who supports us. May we all have a safe and healthy 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

President, MARK CORRIGAN

JEFFERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

2002 INCIDENT RUNS

Alarm Activations (Building Check)	2
Assists to Fast Squad	2
Chimney Fires	3
Downed Power Lines & Trees	5
Electrical Fire (overheated equip.)	1
Lightning Strike (House)	1
Lightning Strike (Woods)	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5
Mutual Aid (to other towns)	9
PSNH Assist (Pole Fire)	1
Smoke Investigations	3
Structure Fire (camp)	1
Unpermitted Fires (Required Extinguishing)	3
Total for 2002	37

OFFICER ROSTER 2002

Chief	Chris Milligan
Deputy Chief	Mark Corrigan
Captain	John Paschal
Lieutenant	Larry Kenison
Lieutenant	Larry Coulter, Jr.
Lieutenant	Larry Wells

Total members: 30

NH FORESTS AND LANDS TOWN OF JEFFERSON

Warden	Chris Milligan
Deputy Warden	Mark Corrigan
Deputy Warden	Larry Coulter, Sr.
Deputy Warden	Larry Coulter, Jr.
Deputy Warden	Fred Ingerson
Deputy Warden	Larry Wells

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to $2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus suppression cost.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information.

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdfl.org or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

2002 FIRE STATISTICS
(All fires Reported thru November 10, 2002)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	# of Fires	Acres
Belknap	52	13.5
Carroll	80	10.5
Cheshire	39	17
Coos	3	2.5
Grafton	53	21
Hillsborough	108	54.5
Merrimack	94	13.5
Rockingham	60	25.5
Strafford	31	23
Sullivan	20	6

	Total Fires	Total Acres
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson/Suspicious	43
Campfire	31
Children	32
Smoking	32
Rekindle of Permit	3
Illegal	7
Lightning	36
Miscellaneous*	356

(*Misc.: powerlines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment.)

BERT VON DOHRMANN, Regional Forest Ranger
CHRIS MILLIGAN, Forest Warden

2002 LIBRARY REPORT

The Library continues to grow in use and offerings to the residents of Jefferson, thanks to the wonderful work of our Librarian, Sue Crafton. We now have 367 patrons, an increase of 54 over last year!

We appreciate the numerous donations by supporters of our efforts. Donations come in many forms, such as books, magazine subscriptions, videos, books on tape, and monetary donations - all help to supplement the allocation of resources from the Town.

The Summer Reading Program this year was a great success. We had 25 enthusiastic children participate! We would like to especially thank Christine Smith and Diane Williams of Jefferson, Ann Downs of Lancaster, Chelsea Peterite of Gilman, VT and Sue Gradual of Whitefield for putting on programs each week for the children. They were enjoyed by all.

We in Jefferson are especially blessed to have a stalwart and supportive Friends of the Library group. They raise funds to provide many essential extras to enhance our Library's offerings. Their main fundraiser this year was the Community Calendar project, which helps us all to keep up with key events in our town. In addition the Friends are selling Jefferson Library totebags (they are marvelous!) to support special projects. The Friends once again enhanced the Library walkway by planting beautiful flowers. They also made our facility safer by providing new lights for the walkway.

New ideas keep flowing regarding the facility and for the future of how to continue to provide Library services to our community. Please feel free to contact any Trustee if you have a billiant inspiration - all input is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

ADELE WOODS, Trustee Chairman
MARGUERITE COSTA, Trustee
CHERYL MEEHAN, Trustee
SUZANNE CRAFTON, Librarian

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The members of the Board of Adjustment are appointed by the Selectmen upon the recommendations of the Board of Adjustment. The present members are: Kim Perry, Chairman; Jason Call, Vice Chairman; Dale Paschal, Burleigh Wyman, Kricket Ingerson. Alternates are Thomas Walker and Craig Clukay.

The Board of Adjustment met as necessary on the second Thursday of each month in the Selectmen's Office. All meetings were open to the public. All hearings and rehearings are posted at the Town Hall and the Post Office.

The Board held seven (7) abutters hearings. One (1) set back variance was granted and one (1) was denied. Five (5) special exceptions were granted and one (1) was denied. The granted special exceptions were: one (1) for a home-based business as a machine shop; a mini-storage building; one (1) a home-based business as a catering service; one (1) home-based business as private school; one (1) home-based business selling alpaca products. The denied special exception was for a golf driving range.

During the coming year the Board of Adjustment will continue to deal with variances and special exceptions of the Land Use Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

RITA M. LARCOMB
Secretary

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the town office. All meetings are open to the public.

Board members are: Ernest Gaudes, chairman; Earl Brooks, vice-chairman; Michael Meehan, James Irish, and Carolyn Ingerson. Associate members are James Brady Jr., and Gordon Winsor. The Selectmen's representative is Carroll Ingerson. The Board lost a very hard working member, Dick Corvinus, who was subsequently replaced by Michael Meehan.

The Board held seven preliminary hearings, and six abutter's hearings - approving two subdivisions, one being a major subdivision; and four boundary line adjustments. Two "Voluntary Mergers" were granted, and several informal consultations held.

Board members attended several important meetings relating to the development of the Randolph Community Forest. The forest consists of several thousand acres located in the towns of Randolph and Jefferson, and includes the Pond of Safety area. A Randolph Community Forest Commission has been established and is responsible for balancing the demands of traditional outdoor recreation, responsible timber harvesting and the ecological protection of forests and wildlife. The Commission is currently seeking a forester to oversee the community forest.

The NH Department of Transportation submitted its plans to upgrade Route 2 by holding several public meetings. Board members and townspeople alike showed interest in the project by attending meetings in the towns of Jefferson and Randolph to give their input.

The Board invited its road consultant, Perry Goodell, to attend a meeting to meet new and old members, and discuss Board issues.

Board member Earl Brooks updated several of the Planning Board's forms, which were subsequently approved by the Board.

At the request of the Chairman, Carroll Ingerson, the Selectmen's representative, displayed a map and gave a report

on the Main Street meeting held in the town hall last fall. The Main Street program proposes to enhance and make more appealing the downtown area of town, from the Historical Society's building on the east end of town to North Road on the west end.

A representative of the Office of State Planning, following a community assistance visit with the Selectmen's assistant on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFI), found the land use and subdivision regulations to be in compliance with the minimum NFI requirements. This means the citizens of the town are able to obtain reasonably priced insurance on their homes and buildings if they are in a designated flood area.

Board members also attended several out-of-town meetings and workshops sponsored by the NH Municipal Association, North Country Council, and NH Department of Transportation.

The services of the North Country Council, Office of State Planning, and the NH Municipal Association were used as resources to the Board's decision making process.

During the coming year the Planning Board will monitor and update as needed the Master Plan, Planning Board regulations, and the Board of Adjustment's Land Use Plan Ordinance.

Ernest Gaudes	Ruth Lowe
Chairman	Secretary

Private Well Users!

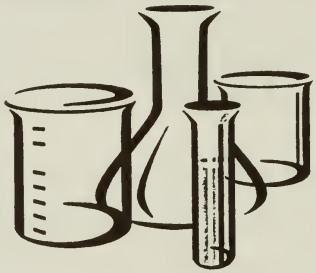
Have you had your well tested recently?

Drinking water from private wells in New Hampshire sometimes contains contaminants at levels that can pose health risks. Only a water quality test, by a competent laboratory, can assure that your family is protected.

What types of contaminants might be present in your well?

The following contaminants, some naturally-occurring and others man-made, have been found in private well water in New Hampshire:

Arsenic
Bacteria
Fluoride
Nitrate
Radium
Radon
Sodium
Uranium
Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs)



Where can you learn more about this?

For further information, please visit the N.H. Department of Environmental Services' website at **www.des.state.nh.us/wseb,** then select "fact sheets," then 2-1.

JEFFERSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2002

The Jefferson Conservation Commission is a town board charged with overseeing the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources of Jefferson, in accordance with RSA-36. Members include David Govatski, chairman, Winnie Ward, Jean Cargill, Bob Ball, Marjorie Doan, Andrea Muller, Bill and Peg Fischang.

In order to oversee these resources we have spent a great deal of time finding out what they are and what they need to operate successfully. We have been working to update the Natural Resources Inventory, first compiled in 1993, with new calculations for all the items covered therein: trees, plants, invasive species, fish, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, butterflies, and also the physical aspect of wetlands, streams and ponds. We have commissioned new maps, made in conjunction with the N.H. Granite System.

At the Pondicherry National Wildlife Refuge we completed the bog bridges and trails around Cherry Pond and over to Little Cherry. We received training from the UNH Lake's Monitoring Program and did five water samples at Cherry Pond. We participated in the Pondicherry Archeological Project, attended the Whitefield Planning Board's meetings about the proposed railroad spur from the pond to the industrial area, and helped the N.H. Fish and Game conduct a fish species sample at Cherry Pond and the head waters of the John's River. Two members received a scholarship for the Northern Forest Gateway workshop and attended as part of a joint team from the Whitefield Industrial Park, the Airport Authority, Jefferson Conservation Commission, and Pondicherry Wildlife Refuge.

Other activities engaged in:

- We continued to pick up trash along Route 2, in cooperation with the Adtop-A-Highway program.
- Maintained the Town Garden, fashioned after a pattern by Thomas Jefferson.
- Participated in the Route 2 Corridor Meetings here and in Randolph.

- Participated in the Randolph Community Forest Planning meeting.
- Helped with the Big Tree Program of the SPNHF, and the Cohos Trail which runs by Cherry Pond and on over to Mount Starr King.
- Examined Wetlands applications as they come in from the DES.
- Held joint meetings with the conservation commissions of the surrounding towns.

Held a meeting with the officials of the WMNF, Randolph Conservation Commission and Randolph Mountain Club about maintaining views on Mount Starr King.

For 2003, the team continues to see opportunities to contribute to the quality of life in Jefferson by working on local conservation issues.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID GOVATSKI
Chairman

MARJORIE DOAN
Secretary

JEFFERSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A lot of time and energy went into various fundraisers in 2002. We held our 5th postcard show, Ben Sears & Brad Conner generously donated their talents in another fundraising concert, and we even hosted a golf tournament. Merchandise sales and a large membership drive during the Christmas season capped off these efforts.

We have no shortage of plans for our proceeds. Actually, right now the museum is in a bit of disarray. After we closed to visitors for the season, we began rearranging the museum to be a more interpretive experience for our guests. Streamlining our exhibits, and creating new signs for them, will help to better explain Jefferson's colorful history.

As you have probably seen, the museum is in dire need of a fresh coat of paint, and with any luck, we may be able to do some repairs on the bell tower. The exterior of the building will be buttoned up once we complete these projects.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the members for all the countless hours and their hard work. They donated an incredible amount of time and talent into making the efforts of this past year successful. And thank you to the community for continuing to support the organization. If you get a chance, stop by the museum, and let us show you around!

Respectfully submitted,
JOE MARSHALL
President

ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

2002 ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

The AVRRDD 2002 Budget apportionment for our member municipalities totaled $629,040. A surplus of $207,382.50 from the 2001 budget was used to reduce apportionments with a net budget of $421,657.50 being billed to the member municipalities. Preliminary reconciliation of the 2002 budget shows a surplus of approximately $204,580 being available to credit toward 2003 apportionments.

Our Materials Recycling Facility marketed a total of 2,264 tons of recyclables for the period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, representing $86,011.96 of marketing income to the District. In addition to the marketing revenue derived from the recyclables, there is also an avoided cost of disposal at the landfill. Our avoided cost for 2002 totals $151,914.40. (2,264 tons x $67.10 per ton).

Our Transfer Station received a total of 947.85 tons of municipal bulky waste and construction and demolition debris. In addition 1,420.44 tons of bulky waste and construction and demolition debris and 357.10 tons of wood were received from the 118 commercial accounts presently registered with the District. Recycling at the Transfer Station consisted of 1,012.33 tons of wood that was processed through a grinder, 530.31 tons of scrap metal and 208.87 tons of brush which was chipped with the District owned chipper. In addition, 320 refrigerators/air conditioners, 3,911 tires and 7,100 feet of fluorescent bulbs were received. Transfer Station income from all sources totaled $68,454.

Election of officers was held at the District Annual Meeting in April 2002: Raymond Chagnon of Berlin was re-elected District Chairman; Clara Grover of Errol was re-elected Vice Chairman and Earl Wadsworth of Dummer was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Other District Representatives are: Yves Zornio of Gorham, David Tomlinson of Randolph, Linda Cushman of Jefferson, A.M. Sue Trottier for the Coos County Unincorporated Towns, Jeremiah Lamson of Northumberland, George Bennett of Stark and Richard Lamontagne of Milan.

In June 2002, the District conducted its eleventh annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. The collection was held at the District Transfer Station with 462 households participating. The project was funded through the District Household Hazardous Waste Reserve Fund along with a grant from the State of New Hampshire which was reimbursed to the District at twenty-five cents ($.25) per capita. The 2002 collection saw the second mercury fever thermometer exchange which was made possible through the efforts of the

Androscoggin Valley Hospital "REACT" (Reduction, Education, Awareness, Conservation, Teamwork) Committee. "REACT" applied for and received a five hundred dollar ($500) grant from Wal-Mart to cover the cost of purchasing digital thermometers. "REACT" committee members worked alongside AVRRDD representatives as they helped educate the public about mercury while distributing 113 digital thermometers to residents who turned in their mercury fever thermometers. The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held Saturday, June 7, 2003 at the District Transfer Station.

In mid August, Fraser, N.H. sent the District a Request for Proposal to purchase the Mt. Carberry Landfill. In order to help prepare the proposal, the District hired Dr. Raymond Danforth as an Environmental Consultant in addition to working with Cianbro Corp. Following notification of the acceptance of our proposal in mid September, the District worked intensely in order to complete the transaction by December 31, 2002, (which was one of the conditions of the sale). In addition to working out a long term agreement for solid waste disposal with Fraser, the District negotiated a twenty (20) year contact with Cianbro Corp. for the operation of the landfill. A twenty (20) year contract with Cianbro Corp. was also a condition of the sale.

The District financed the purchase price for the landfill, ten million dollars ($10,000,000) along with an additional four million dollars ($4,000,000) for capital improvements, through the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank.

On December 30, 2002 at 12 noon, (106 days after receipt of the Request for Proposal), the District became the owner of the Mt. Carberry Landfill. Ownership of Mt. Carberry will guarantee long term solid waste disposal for the communities as well as for Fraser, N.H.

Respectfully submitted,

SHARON E. GAUTHIER
Executive Director

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2002

It has been another busy year at North Country Council. We continued to complete a number of local and regional projects for all of our 51 communities throughout the region. Summaries of some of the major projects are as follows:

Transportation:

- Completed with the NHDOT and member communities the regional bike path map.
- Completed the Route 2 Corridor Study and continue to participate in the Route 2 working group.
- Provided technical transportation assistance to the majority of the communities in our region.
- Coordinated the North Country Transportation Committee.
- Conducted 138 traffic counts in 38 communities.

Economic Development:

- Submitted two EDA economic development applications. (The MWVEC technology village and the Dartmouth Incubator).
- Coordinated the North Country District Economic Development Committee.
- Updated the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region.
- Finish Phase I of the Industrial Park Marketing Program.

Community/Regional Planning:

- Provided technical assistance to 28 towns throughout the region.
- Participated in the update of 12 master plans and zoning ordinances for member communities.
- Coordinated the Law Lecture Series for the Office of State Planning.

Environmental Planning:

- Provided technical assistance to over 38 communities in the area of solid waste and hazardous waste management.

- Coordinated the Household Hazardous Waste collections for 32 communities.
- Conducted solid waste and transfer station evaluations for three community transfer stations.
- Began a pilot fluorescent light collection program.
- Managed a source water protection program for the Department of Environmental Services, which developed methods to help in the prevention of surface intake contamination.
- Provided technical assistance in the National Flood Insurance Program throughout the region.

Many of these programs will continue into the year 2003. We continue to enhance our staff capacity and will be looking to provide additional technical assistance and planning support to all our communities. We presently have nine staff people focusing on providing technical assistance in Transportation, Community Planning Economic Development and Environmental Planning. Major programs for the year 2003 will be completion of our five year update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), the development of a Regional Plan (transportation, natural resources, economic development, community planning) and the continued assistance of solid waste management with an emphasis on conducting town evaluations on their solid waste management practices.

Our overall goal, however, remains the same: to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses and citizens.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL J. KING
Executive Director

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM REPORT

30 Exchange Street - Berlin • 73 Main Street - Lancaster

December 11, 2002

Board of Selectpersons
Jefferson, New Hampshire

Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc., is seeking your support through town funding of our local Community Contact Office in Lancaster.

We are requesting funding level with the last year's requests of $650.00.

This money is spent on operational costs of maintaining a presence in the area. Your funding is combined with Community Service Block Grants, Fuel Assistance monies through the Governor's Office of Energy and Community Services, and the New Hampshire Emergency Shelter Grant.

The residents of Jefferson were served through the many financial resources and referrals offered in our Contact Office including case management services, advocacy and informational assistance.

We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you throughout 2003 to better serve the elderly, low-income, and disabled residents of Jefferson.

Sincerely,
AMY SAWYER FOGG
Lancaster, New Hampshire

REPORT FROM MOUNT WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT TO TOWNS IN REGIONAL AUTHORITY

The year 2002 was a challenging time for the aviation industry in the aftermath of the 9-11-01 terrorist attacks on America. The aftershocks were felt at Mount Washington Regional Airport (MWRA) into 2002 as air traffic was down during the first quarter of 2002, but increased steadily throughout the year allowing the Commission to report a modest $5,835 surplus.

The MWRA Commission is composed of volunteers who meet monthly at the airport terminal building in Whitefield. Commissioners are: Ken Jordan, Joe Elgosin, and Florian Corriveau, Whitefield; Brian Hardy, Dalton; Fred Hollis, Twin Mountain; Burt Ingerson and David Willis, Littleton; David Hill, Lancaster; Carl Rod, Jefferson; Jayne O'Connor, North Woodstock; E. Jon LaBrecque, Lincoln; Susan Simpson, Franconia, and Chip Holmes, Bethlehem. Meeting notices and meeting minutes are posted in member towns.

Sources of MWRA of funding include hangar leases, gasoline sales and appropriations from member towns represented on the commission. The Airport Commission recognizes that the generous financial support of member communities is vital to the airport's operation.

During the past year two significant safety improvement projects were completed: (1) a major tree clearing project that removed obstructions along the west to east flight path, and (2) installation of a new rotating safety beacon. Ninety percent of the funds for the more than $500,000 investment came from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with the state Division of Aeronautics and the MWRA each contributing 5 percent matches.

The year 2003 will be one of transition. Richard Polonsky, the airport's consultant for several years, has stepped down to devote more time to his business. The Commission intends to recruit a part-time executive director to oversee development of the airport's master plan, implementation of the marketing study, and to seek outside funding sources to solidify MWRA's financial picture through increased airport usage.

The airport continues to grow. This year the Commission expects to review plans for additional hangars. In 2004, work includes design and permitting for a 500 foot runway extension to be built in 2005.

On the human side of the equation, the airport participates in the Angel Flight program, enabling North Country residents to take advantage of free flights to medical facilities as far away as Boston and Worcester, MA.

With the help of user pilots, the MWRA hopes to kindle more interest in flying among young people with airplane rides and discussion groups with local pilots. The MWRA plans to have two fly-ins during the calendar year.

The Mount Washington Regional Airport is a valuable asset supporting the transportation needs of North Country residents, resort hotels and recreation, and businesses. We welcome your thoughts on how we can fulfill our mission to the North Country.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID HILL, Chairman

WEEKS MEDICAL CENTER
DARTMOUTH-HITCHCOCK

Home Health & Hospice Services

Annual Report - 2002
Town of Jefferson

Highlights in Review

- **Personal Care Service Provider.** The agency implemented a newly approved level of care for Home & Community-Based Care (HCBC) patients which allows for extended blocks of time and the use of trained homemakers to assist with limited personal care. This is an important benefit for the high-risk, frail elderly.
- **A Parent 2B.** A new program for pregnant Moms and their babies has been started at Weeks. The family will receive home nursing care and education during the pregnancy and for 1 year following the baby's birth. The goal is to build a strong family and baby, *right from the start!*
- **Homebound Status.** Medicare has lessened the requirements for "homebound" status. Patients can now occasionally leave their homes for non-medical activities, but the effort must still be "taxing and difficult".
- **Flu Clinics.** The agency provided the community with over 1,500 flu shots.

Regional and Town Services - A Summary

	Skilled Nursing	Rehab Services	Home Hlth Aide	Home-makers	Visits & Units
Regional services provided by WMC - Home Health	6,109	1,172	9,384	30,185	46,850
Services to the Town of Jefferson	144	40	223	22	429

Thank you for your continuing support and confidence.

THE CALEB GROUP
INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS
30 Highland Street, Whitefield, NH 03598

The year 2002 was a very good year for the Caleb Group. During the year we were able to raise enough funds, and recruit and train volunteers so we could continue our heartfelt mission ... Enhancing independent living for the elderly, infirm and homebound by relieving isolation and assisting with friendly visits, care and supportive services through a network of volunteers and the fostering of caring communities.

The Caleb Group assisted more than 211 Bethlehem, Dalton, Groveton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Littleton, Twin Mountain and Whitefield seniors. In 2002, volunteers donated over 4,100 hours and 33,337 miles. The transportation issue has not changed up here in the North Country, and our wonderful volunteers drove an additional 1,000 miles over the previous year. We are so lucky to have over 119 active volunteers who provide a very crucial support system to their elderly neighbors. Without these volunteers, The Caleb Group would not exist. Other than our transportation service, which provides rides for shopping, medical appointments and just getting out of the house, these volunteers also help their older neighbors with such things as friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, chores, paperwork, light housekeeping, and errands. Caleb volunteers also assist with various other community programs, such as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program every other month. These volunteers deliver food to elders who are totally homebound. The Caleb Group, working in conjunction with Shaw's Supermarket of Littleton, provides day old bread to seniors who are having a hard time making ends meet. Caleb volunteers distribute the bread to elders in many of the communities. In September of 2002, The Caleb Group teamed up with Wal-Mart of Littleton, to start a pet food project. Wal-Mart not only gave a financial donation, but also donated all their ripped bags of pet food to the program. For 2002, The Caleb Group distributed over 850 pounds of pet food to help the elderly feed their pets. Caleb volunteers still provide training for seniors who want to learn how to use computers. Computer classes are held every Wednesday morning at the Highland House Computer Lab.

There are no fees for the volunteer caregiver services provided by The Caleb Group. The program is funded through grants,

fundraising, donations and generous appropriations of the towns in which the services are provided. We want to thank the residents of Jefferson for their support and for making it possible for us to continue to provide these much needed services to the area's elders. The $1,500 appropriated at last year's Town Meeting was greatly appreciated, and we ask for your continued support in 2003.

Volunteers are always in great demand, so if you would like to be a volunteer caregiver, request a volunteer, or know someone who would benefit from our services, please contact the Caleb Office at 837-9179.

Respectfully submitted,
BOBBIE GAUDES
Program Director

Advisory Board Members

Eleanor Brauns, Twin Mountain
Myra Emerson, Lancaster
Carl Rod, Jefferson
Rev. Arthur Savage, Bethlehem
Rev. Cliff Vendt, Whitefield

WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
Director's Report

The past year has been one of unprecedented demand on the mental health system, both locally and nationally. It does not require any special training in behavioral health to recognize the increased incidence of anxiety, depression and substance abuse in our communities. Most people reading this report will be easily able to identify the impact of these issues on their own lives. These symptoms often go untreated and lead to marital problems, impaired job performance, emotional and physical abuse of children and even suicide. This is a time of pervasive concern about the stability of the world, personal economic and job stability and the general safety of our environment. Children, especially, are often unable to understand and manage these feelings, and are therefore especially vulnerable.

With this as a backdrop, it is distressing to report to you that White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services is less able to meet the demands of the average person in our community than we were at this time last year. Shrinking reimbursements and increasing costs have meant that we are having increased difficulty in recruiting, retaining and adequately compensating staff to provide needed services. We struggle daily with many more referrals for care than we can manage. It is ironic that mental health services are not seen as a priority by society, in spite of the escalation of personal and societal distress. This is clearly an era of crisis for our system of care.

There *is* some good news! We continue to work very hard to maintain *quality,* and we are succeeding. Our mental health staff is highly trained, well respected and extremely dedicated. We continue to prioritize services to children, and our efforts as lead agency for the CARE-NH federal grant has meant that children continue to come home from costly out-of-district placements to live with their families. We can also be proud of the fact that people who receive our services report overwhelmingly that our intervention in their lives made a positive difference. Our agency placed first in the State in "key performance indicators" of effective mental health treatment. Our developmental service program, *Common Ground,* has

become a model for the State and has developed a national reputation for innovative and effective supports to persons with developmental disabilities. *Common Ground* was recently awarded a nationally competitive grant from the University of Montana to implement self directed business and career development for individuals with severe and multiple disabilities. There is much to celebrate, even in this difficult time.

This year is a particularly appropriate time to thank you, our neighbors, for your support over the past thirty years. Contributions from the communities we serve are absolutely essential in allowing us to provide the support and treatment that is so crucial in this "post September 11" world. During 2002, 36 Jefferson residents received 483 hours of mental health services from our agency. Thank you for making this possible.

Respectfully submitted,
JANE C. MACKAY
Area Director

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE

By Raymond S. Burton
Room 207 • State House • Concord, NH 03301
Telephone 603-271-3632
Email: rburton@gov.state.nh.us

A new era is underway in the Executive Branch of your NH State Government, headed by Governor Craig Benson. I envision that his administration will be bringing new and innovative ideas of a modernized New Hampshire State Government, by utilizing tools of the new age of technology. This will bring enhanced services to the citizens and users of NH State Government. Through the many checks and balances of power at the State Capitol, Governor Benson will not go too slow or too fast.

I encourage citizens to contact Governor Benson and offer to serve on a Board or Commission. Each biennium more than 300 citizens are appointed to these public boards. The address is: State House, 107 North Main St., Concord, NH 03301. The phone number is: 603 271-2121. A new administration is in Concord. Let's make very sure our region is a part of the Benson era of New Hampshire! For a listing of the Boards and Commissions under the authority of the Governor and Council, please visit the Secretary of State Web site at: http://webster.state.nh.us/sos/ or call my office at 271-3632.

As Councilor, I will be conducting official tours with Commissioners and Directors of State Agencies all summer and fall of 2003. If you have a special event or project you would like a certain agency to visit or focus on, please let me know.

As Councilor, I will be holding official summer 2003 hearings on proposed changes to the NH Ten Year Highway Plan. All Towns, Counties and Cities will be notified of this schedule of public hearings in your region. Please utilize your regional Planning Commission as a starting point for your transportation ideas and concerns. For detailed information on the Ten Year Highway Plan visit the Department of Transportation web site: http://webster.state.nh.us/dot/

All citizens and public agencies should contact our NH Congressional Delegation and ask for more support from Washington, DC. New Hampshire ranks near the bottom of the list in monies returned back from the Federal budget.

For every dollar of taxation we send to Washington we get back ONLY 71 CENTS! Let's send many lists to Senators Gregg and Sununu and Congressmen Bass and Bradley and give them a chance to do better!

Please keep in touch with my office. I am at your service.

Sincerely Yours,
RAYMOND S. BURTON
Executive Councilor

ENMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2002 was the nineteenth year for the Scholarship honoring the late Charles and Dorothy Enman who were both active and highly regarded in the Jefferson Elementary School. The fund was able to provide scholarships to Melissa Brooks, Jennifer Smith, Duncan Fletcher, Hannah Estabrooks, Rebekah DeCourcey, Terry Gray, Ben Kenison, Jessica Larcomb, Allison Knapp and Matthew Ingerson in 2002.

Any Senior who is a resident of Jefferson attending either high school or private school, regardless of location and planning on continuing his or her education is eligible to apply for this scholarship.

I would like to again thank all who have donated to the fund.

Donations may be made by taking or sending checks to Marietta Ingerson. Checks should be made payable to: Charles Enman Scholarship Fund.

Scholarship recipients are chosen by the Jefferson Library Trustees.

Sincerely,

MARIETTA INGERSON

NEVERS-TOWN OF JEFFERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship was established in 1981 by the family of Wilbur and Gurda Nevers in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary by a special request of the couple. It is available to any Jefferson High School senior wishing to advance in his /her education.

The Scholarship Committee consists of the three Library Trustees, the Librarian, and the Town Clerk. There were eleven applicants this year: Melissa Brooks, Kathryn Schroer, Jennifer Smith, Duncan Fletcher, Hannah Estabrooks, Rebekah DeCourcey, Terry Gray, Ben Kenison, Jessica Larcomb, Allison Knapp, and Matthew Ingerson. We were pleased to provide scholarships in the same amount to all of the applicants and wish them well in their chosen area of study.

On behalf of the students we wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Nevers family as well as all the others who have so generously contributed to this fund over the years since its establishment. Additional donations to the fund are always welcome and may be sent to the Nevers-Town of Jefferson Scholarship Fund in care of the Trustee of Trust Funds, Town of Jefferson, NH.

Respectfully submitted,

ADELE WOODS, Library Trustee, Chair
MARGUERITE COSTA, Library Trustee
CHERYL MEEHAN, Library Trustee
SUZANNE CRAFTON, Librarian
POLLY BRONSON, Town Clerk

Environmental Tobacco Smoke Regulations for Restaurants

Section 1 Statement of Purpose:

There is conclusive evidence that tobacco smoke causes cancer, respiratory and cardiac diseases, negative birth outcomes and irritations to the eyes, nose and throat. The harmful effects of tobacco smoke are *not confined to smokers but also cause severe discomfort and illness to non-smokers.* Environmental tobacco smoke (ETS), more commonly known as "secondhand smoke", includes both exhaled smoke and the side stream smoke from burning cigarettes and causes the deaths of 53,000 Americans each year. The Environmental Protection Agency (1993) has designated environmental tobacco smoke to be a Class A carcinogen similar to radon and asbestos with no known safe levels of exposure. *In recognition of these facts, the Town of Jefferson recognizes the right of those who wish to breathe smoke-free air and establishes this regulation to protect and improve the public health and welfare by prohibiting smoking in restaurants.*

Section 2 Authority:

The regulation is a warrant article on the 2003 Town Warrant of the Town of Jefferson to be submitted to the Jefferson Town meeting on March 11th, 2003.

Section 3 Definitions:

For the purposes of this regulation, the following words shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this paragraph:

Cocktail Lounge: That portion of specified area of a restaurant, hotel, motel, convention center or resort, which is used primarily to serve liquor or other alcoholic beverages, irrespective of whether or not food is also served there.

Effectively Segregated: An enclosed place separating the no-smoking area from the smoking-permitted area. For cocktail lounges, *up to 30 cubic feet per minute of outdoor air per occupant shall be provided for 100 people per 1,000 square feet. Room air shall be discharged directly outdoors rather than recirculated. More air shall be exhausted from the room than is supplied to it.*

Employee: Any individual person who performs services for an employer.

Person: Any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind *including, but limited to an owner, operator, manager, proprietor or person in charge of any building, establishment, business, or restaurant or retail store, or the agents or designees of any of the foregoing. Person in charge shall not include the owner of the property unless he/she is routinely present and controls the day-to-day activities or sets the policy carried out on the premises upon which smoking is prohibited.*

Private Club: Places owned by social, fraternal, or religious organizations.

Restaurant: Any enclosed coffee, cafeteria, sandwich stand, private and public school cafeteria and other eating establishment which gives or offers food *for sale to the public, guests, or employees,* as well as kitchens in which food is prepared on the premises, for serving elsewhere, including catering facilities.

Smoking: Inhaling, exhaling, burning or possessing any lighted cigar, cigarette or other tobacco product in any form.

Town: The Town of Colebrook.

Section 4 Posting Notice of Prohibition:

Every person having control of premises *upon which smoking is prohibited by and under the authority of this regulation shall conspicuously display upon the premises "No Smoking" signs or the international "No Smoking" symbol (consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red bar across it).*

Section 5 Smoking Prohibited:

No person shall smoke nor shall any person, employer or other person in charge of the premises upon which smoking is prohibited by this regulation or the agent or designee of such person, permit or person to smoke in any restaurant. Additionally, no person shall smoke in any place in which a sign conforming to the requirements of this regulation is posted. No person shall remove a sign posted under the authority of the preceding paragraph.

Section 6 Exemption for Cocktail Lounges and Private Clubs:

Section 6.1

Cocktail lounges, as defined in RSA 175:1, XXIII and licensed pursuant to RSA 178:28, are exempted from this regulation provided that they are effectively segregated for any *non-smoking area.* An enclosed place must separate the no-smoking area from the smoking-permitted area. In addition, there must be a continuous, physical barrier such as a wall, partition or furnishing (that spans from the floor to the ceiling) *that separates the no-smoking from a smoking-permitted* area. The barrier may contain doors or portals for exit and entry.

Section 6.2

Buildings owned and operated by private clubs when used by the membership of the organization, their guests or families, or when they are rented or leased for private functions from which the public is excluded and arrangements are under the control of the sponsor of the functions and not the organizations are exempted. Smoking shall be prohibited when said buildings are made available to the general public.

Section 7 Conflict with Other Laws or Regulations:

Notwithstanding the provisions of the foregoing, nothing in this

regulation shall be deemed to amend or repeal applicable fire, health or other regulations so as to permit smoking in areas where it is prohibited by such fire, health or other regulations.

Section 8 Violations:

Any person who violates this regulation shall be subject to a fine in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars ($200) for a first offense, Three Hundred Dollars ($300) for a second offense and Five Hundred Dollars ($500) for a third or subsequent offense. Failure by any person or employer to comply with this ordinance shall be grounds for withholding, suspension or revocation of any food service establishment or other permit required by Jefferson Town Ordinances. To constitute a violation of Section 5 of this ordinance by a customer or employee the person in charge must first inform the customer or employee that smoking is prohibited.

Section 9 Enforcement:

Section 9.1 Public Health - Food Service Establishment Permit:

Upon application for a food service establishment permit, the applicant shall attest that the restaurant is in compliance with this ordinance. *If the applicant does not attest* that it is in compliance with this ordinance, no permit may be issued. The person in charge of the restaurant shall allow access to the restaurant by Health/Inspections Department personnel of the Town of Jefferson to inspect the restaurant for compliance with this ordinance. Any person in charge attesting on a food service establishment permit application found not to be in compliance with this ordinance is a violation. Failure to comply with this ordinance shall be grounds for withholding, suspension or revocation of the foods service establishment permit required by the Town of Jefferson Health Ordinance.

Section 9.2 Investigation:

Any complaint of violation of this ordinance relative to ventilation, signage, physical barriers or related facility non-compliance shall be investigated by the Town of Jefferson Health/Inspections Department. All other complaints of violations shall be investigated by the Town of Jefferson Police Department. Any violation requiring a summons shall be served by the Town of Jefferson Police Department.

Section 10 Severability:

If any paragraph or provision of this regulation is found *to be illegal or against public policy or unconstitutional,* it shall not affect the legality of any remaining paragraphs or provisions being in force.

Section 11 Effective Date:

These regulations shall be effective six (6) months after passage of the ordinance.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
04-13	Alan P. Balog	Jefferson	Jefferson
	Deborah J. Hicks	Jefferson	
05-25	Mark R. Dubreuil	Jefferson	Lancaster
	Rita Marie Chirillo	Jefferson	
06-29	David A. Dingman	Cabot, VT	Jefferson
	Theresa M. Roy	Cabot, VT	
06-29	George S. Leibowitz	Denver, CO	Jefferson
	Susan L. Robinson	Denver, CO	
08-23	James L. Hicks, Jr.	Jefferson	Jefferson
	Robin L. Milot	Jefferson	
09-14	Rodney E. Ingerson	Jefferson	Jefferson
	Patricia Boyko	Jefferson	
10-05	Donald S. VanNostrand	St. Johnsbury, VT	Jefferson
	Karole A. Paschal	St. Johnsbury, VT	
10-12	Karl M. Gross	Nantucket, MA	Lancaster
	Nicole M. Sylvia	Nantucket, MA	

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

DATE	NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
02-04	Aviara Rose Challinor	Littleton, NH	Timothy Challinor	Tiffany Challinor
02-27	Maci Ann MacKillop	Lebanon, NH	Edward MacKillop	Tara MacKillop
05-20	Katrina Marrie Briggs	Lancaster, NH	Glenn Briggs	Verle Briggs
07-04	Nicole Sheie Gross	Littleton, NH	Aaron Gross	Michelle Gross
08-21	Danica Ann Watson	Lancaster, NH	James Watson	Susan Watson
10-20	Jonathan Stuart Dean	Lancaster, NH	Jeremy Dean	Sandra Dean
10-23	Lauren Rachel McMann	Littleton, NH	Gerard McMann	Kathryn McMann

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

DATE	NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
01-01	John W. Plica	Lancaster, NH	John Plica	Eleanor Michels
01-07	Frank P. Haase	Jefferson, NH	Franz Haase	Phoebe Carlton
02-28	John G. Miller	Lancaster, NH	Carroll Miller	Mary Guffey
03-19	James M. Cunnien	Lebanon, NH	William Cunnien	Minnie (Unknown)
03-24	Amelia M. Merrow	Lancaster, NH	John Malasky	Bolestawa Pauchoska
04-02	Richard J. Corvinus	Lancaster, NH	Bernard Corvinus	Mary Dickinson
04-06	William L. Roberts	Jefferson, NH	Nelson Roberts	Lota Boissenin
05-21	Annetta H. Manuel	Littleton, NH	John Wigham	Anna Richardson
05-26	Martha D. Foley	Lancaster, NH	John Frost	Mary Jewett
08-31	Robert D. Dupont	Lancaster, NH	Leo Dupont	Marion Willoby
10-18	Walter Gonyer	Jefferson, NH	William Gonyer	Clara Gilmette
11-12	Alois Sammer	Jefferson, NH	Franz Sammer	Anna Muller
11-14	George S. Stevens	Jefferson, NH	George Stevens	Edith Slavin
12-02	Alcide Saucier	Concord, NH	Herbert Saucier	Margaret Labbe
12-26	Louise Miller	Lancaster, NH	Paul Larned	Cecilia Davenport

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